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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 10, 2021

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports *WAP*

SUBJECT: Michigan Department of Education Fall 2021 Virtual Continuous Improvement Conference: *Equity and Stakeholder Voice: Making Education More Engaging and Relevant for Students, Families, and Educators*

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Office of Educational Supports (OES) will sponsor the MDE Fall 2021 virtual Continuous Improvement Conference: *Equity and Stakeholder Voice: Making Education More Engaging and Relevant for Students, Families, and Educators*, on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

Addressing the conference theme will be keynote speaker Dr. Jal Mehta, professor of education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Dr. Mehta will be speaking on *Humane and Equitable Continuous Improvement: Why Tools Should Serve Humans and Vice Versa*.

The conference will also feature Dr. Seena Skelton, director of operations for Region III Midwest and Plains Equity Assistance Center, speaking on *Equity and Continuous Improvement: Using Quantitative and Qualitative Data in an Equity-Centered Continuous Improvement Process*.

The conference will include recognition of the National Blue Ribbon School Program awards. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of breakout sessions on equity and stakeholder voice.

For conference details and registration, please visit <http://gomasa.org/events/2021-mde-continuous-improvement-conference/>. If you have specific questions pertaining to this conference, please contact Ben Boerkoel at boerkoelb@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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